

### REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment submits the above changes and other information indicated below.

### PENDING CLAIMS

Original Claims 1-18 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application on 13 January 2004. Original Claim 19 and new Claims 20-24 were presented in the first Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed in the USPTO on 13 April 2004. New Claims 25-40 were entered by the Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed in the USPTO on 19 October 2004.

Unrelated to any art, scope, or rejection in any prior application, appropriate claims have been amended in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such amendments to the claims are simply clarified claims in which Applicant is presently interested. Specifically, Claims 22-24 are amended to change "niobate" to --niobium--, to correctly identify the element claimed and supported in the application, and as claimed and issued in the parent case. No other changes are made, and no new matter is added.

Upon entry of this paper, Claims 19-40 remain pending for consideration and examination in the present application.

### RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present

application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

#### **EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE**

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number of 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

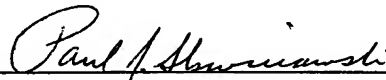
#### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

This Supplemental Amendment is being submitted prior to the mailing of a first Action on the merits, and no Petition for extension of time is required or proper for

entry of this paper. No additional claims fees are required for entry of this paper. To whatever other extent is actually appropriate and necessary, please charge any fee deficiency to ATSK Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case No. 520.39871VX2).

Respectfully submitted,



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